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- (1) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2000014928;
- (2) EP Patent No. 0 943 362;
- (3) EP Patent No. 0 893 149;
- (4) International Publication No. WO98/15328;
- (5) EP Patent No. 0 856 340; and
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